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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Peter C. EKLUND et al.

Attorney Docket Number: 025756-00003

Serial Number: 10/800,033

Confirmation Number: 6871

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Group Art Unit: 1773

For: HYDROGEN STORAGE MATERIAL BASED ON A MULTI-LAYERED
CORE/SHELL STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 2, 2006

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.

The July 3, 2006 Office Action asserted identified three (3) independent and distinct inventions and required Applicants to elect one of the following three inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 16-21, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 402.24
- II. Claims 14-15, drawn to a method, classified in class 75, subclass 361
- III. Claims 22-23, drawn to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 212

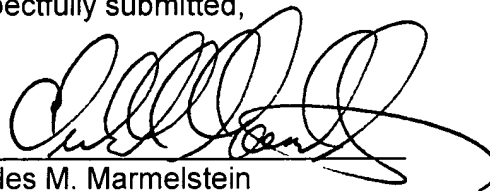
Pursuant to the Office Action's requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I: claims 1-13 and 16-21, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 402.24. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected claims 1-13 and 16-21 on the merits.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for this extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No.

025756-00003.

Respectfully submitted,

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